

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 17, 2020

Youth Advisory Council Virtual Meeting

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020 in another virtual meeting. They will be discussing the development of a youth resource page for coping with COVID-19 and also discussing messaging and approaches to help youth better adhere to social distancing standards as they go outside and enjoy the better weather.

Limbs, Branches, Particulates and a Small Mountain

As we wrestle with the impacts of the coronavirus and strengthening the community's ability to fight the subsequent respiratory illness COVID-19 the City will be opening the location of last year's snowstorm limb pile for limbs and branches again. We are encouraging members of the community to drop off limbs, branches and tree debris at the site off North 12th Street behind Dari Mart instead of burning the debris. The collection site will be available for branches and limbs until May 22nd.

We will also conducting the annual branch and limb pickup with the first round of pickup during the week of May 4th - 8th. The second round of branch and limb pickup will be the week of May 18th - 22nd.

We are encouraging everyone to be good neighbors and take advantage of the resources the City has opened up. Please avoid open outdoor burning as the smoke and particulates can increase the risk of contracting infectious respiratory diseases such as COVID-19, increase the severity of existing respiratory infections and worsen underlying chronic respiratory conditions.

Please remember burn barrels, burning of grass clipping or leaves are illegal. Such burning is not allowed in all of Lane County. With the desire to mitigate respiratory issues associated with COVID-19 we will be paying attention to burns and will be notifying the appropriate authorities regarding illegal burning activities. A coalition of state agencies are asking Oregonians to voluntarily refrain from outdoor burning. The news release from the state agencies is attached to the Friday Update.

2020 Census

This week the US Census Bureau announced an extension of the deadline for completing the 2020 Census from July 31st to October 31st. The response rates to the 2020 Census are well below rates from the 2010 census as a result of COVID-19 and the suspension field operations. Currently the State of Oregon response rate is 52.8% and **Cottage Grove is 49.2%**. This puts Cottage Grove below the responses in Creswell (53.9%); Eugene (55.9%), Florence (54.1%), Junction City (57.5%) and Springfield (55.4%). Not good results.

We can and must do better. If you have not responded to the Census – **do it!** Every person responding brings about \$3,400 into the community.



If you have responded ask your friends and neighbors to please respond. You can respond at www.my2020census.gov. You can now also respond by calling (844)330-2020 (Spanish line (844)468-2020). To increase call center capacity, the Census Bureau is reinstating the callback option and making more employees available to respond to requests. The callback option enables callers to leave a message and receive a timely call back from a census taker to process their 2020 Census response when all call center agents are busy assisting others.

Mobility Needs Assessment Survey

The City of Cottage Grove is partnering with the University of Oregon's PPPM Transportation Planning class to discover South Lane County's mobility needs. We are asking residents to take a quick, online survey about their use of cars, bus and other transit. We hope to discover to understand the transportation challenges and opportunities in our community. The information will be used in Cottage Grove's upcoming Transit Demand Plan.

The link is at <https://bit.ly/2ydLEXy>, or you can use the survey link QR code on the attached graphic. For more information, email Dr. Anne Brown at the University of Oregon at: abrown33@uoregon.edu or Amanda Ferguson at planner@cottagegrove.org.

A yellow-bordered graphic containing survey details. It includes sections for PURPOSE, DETAILS, and QUESTIONS / CONCERNS, a QR code labeled "SURVEY LINK", and logos for the University of Oregon, City of Cottage Grove, and City of Creswell.

PURPOSE
This survey is a collaborative effort between the University of Oregon School of Planning, Public Policy, and Management, Lane Transit District, the City of Cottage Grove, and the City of Creswell to understand and improve the transportation challenges and opportunities in your community.

DETAILS
This survey will take about 5 minutes and participants will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 Visa cash card. The completion deadline is April 27th.

QUESTIONS / CONCERNS
Email Dr. Anne Brown at the University of Oregon at abrown33@uoregon.edu.
Thank you for your time!

SURVEY LINK

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Logos: University of Oregon, City of Cottage Grove, City of Creswell

Cottage Grove Intensive Level Survey Proposal – Request for Bids

The City of Cottage Grove is accepting bids for a Historic Preservation Consultant to complete an Intensive Level Survey in 2020/2021. This Intensive Level Survey (ILS) will focus on 4 locally-listed historic single family homes in Cottage Grove, with the objective of determining the properties' potential National Register eligibility and providing the foundation for National Register nomination, if appropriate.

Interested contractors shall submit a written bid, including cover letter, resume, references, detailed description of work, budget, and timeline by June 1, 2020. The Historic Landmarks Commission will choose a consultant from the submissions received no later than June 15, 2020.

A detailed Proposal Description is available on the City of Cottage Grove's website at <https://www.cottagegrove.org/rfps> For more information, please contact Amanda Ferguson at (541) 942-3340 or planner@cottagegrove.org.

The Sun is Shining and the Parks Look Great

Feel free to look to the parks to provide a place for daily physical activity and mental respite in the wake of COVID-19. However, be safe and be healthy when enjoying the parks.

If you plan to visit a park, strict adherence to physical distancing and equipment closures are mandatory. Keep the "space" in parks and open space:

- Maintain a physical distance of at least six feet between anyone not of the same household.
- Stay home if you are feeling sick.
- Avoid crowds by going early.
- Visit parks close to home to minimize your travel.
- Do not use any playground equipment, sports courts or skateparks. All playgrounds, sports courts and the skatepark are currently closed.
- Wash your hands immediately upon returning home.
- The Centers for Disease Control recommends using a face covering when in public.

Quote of the Week

“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.”

~Robin Williams~